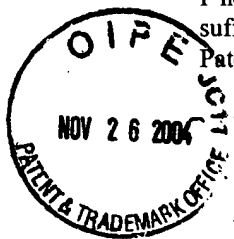


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**TRANSMITTAL OF RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Enclosed are the following documents in response to the Office Action mailed on August 30, 2004, for the above-identified application:

- ☒ Response to Restriction Requirement
- ☒ Return receipt postcard

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16, 1.17, and 1.21 that may be required by this paper, and to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 03-3117.

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The Patent Office required an election under 35 U.S.C. § 121 of one of the following inventions:

I. Claims 1-2 drawn to a configuration file with communication identification information that is a property of the file but accessible without opening the file, classified in class 709, subclass 221; and

II. Claims 3-42, drawn to a program to access a configuration file and which are both accessed by a physical address, classified in class 709, subclass 227.

Applicants provisionally elect to prosecute Claims 3-42 of Group II. The election is without traverse.

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